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SUBJ: RECENT DEMONSTRATION AND SECURITY PROCEDURES

REF: STATE 8969

1. DUE SHORTAGE SUPERVISORY POLICE OFFICERS LOCALLY, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE VERY RELUCTANT ASSIGN LIAISON OFFICER TO OUR OB UNLESS WE HAVE HARD INFORMATION DEMONSTRATION LIKELY OCCUR. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, OUR COMMUNICATIONS ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY WITH COMMISSIONER AND HIS DEPUTIES ARE REASONABLY SATISFACTORY. COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE AND MOBILE POLICE BARRACKS ARE EIGHT MINUTES BY CAR FROM CONSULATE IN EVENT TELEPHONES OUT OF ORDER.

2. MAIN PROBLEM IS OF WARNING THAT DEMONSTRATION LIKELY. POLICE INFORMATION RE LAST DEMONSTRATION NONEXISTENT UNTIL WE TOLD THEM. IN ATTEMPT FILL THIS GAP, I HAVE (A) WRITTEN TO COMMISSIONER POINTING OUT NEED FOR ADVANCE WARNING AND SUGGESTING CLOSER LIAISON BETWEEN HIS OFFICE, POLICE POST ON CAMPUS, AND CONSULATE;
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(B) REQUESTED UNIVERISTY VICE CHANCELLOR TO INSTRUCT HIS

TOP ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO WARN POLICE AND CONSULATE IF STUDENTS OBSERVED GATHERING OR PLANNING FOR DEMONSTRATION; (C) ISSUED HN-36 RADIO TIED TO OUR EMERGENCY VHF NET TO CHIEF E&E WARDEN ON UNIVERSITY CAMPUS (SEVERAL PERSONS TRIED WARN CONSULATE OF GENESIS JANUARY 9 DEMONSTRATIONS BUT COULD NOT GET LINE THROUGH UNIVERSITY TELEPHONE SWITCHBOARD, AND I HAD SAME EXPERIENCE-HAVING TO RESORT TO OFF-CAMPUS TELEPHONE); (D) REQUESTED CHIEF WARDEN TO ASK OTHER AMCIT WARDENS ON CAMPUS TO BE ALERT TO AND REPORT TO HIM ANU OBSERVED STUDENT BEHAVIOR THAT INDICATES THREAT TO OUR SECURITY.

3. CONSULATE AND USIS MANAGED GET MOST NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES OUT OF BUILDINGS JUST BEFORE DEMONSTRATORS APPEARED. SHORT WARNING, HOWEVER, MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO GET EVERYONE OUT. VEHICLES WERE TAKEN TO RESIDENCES IN QUIET SUBURB OF TOWN. SECTIONS J & K OF E&E PLAN REVIEWED.

4. YOUR ASSESSMENT PARA 5 REFTEL REMAINS CORRECT FOR IBADAN.

5. SAFEHAVEN FOR ESSENTIAL AMERICAN PERSONNEL IN CONSULATE IS INTERNAL VAULT, WHICH IS FIREPROOF, NEARLY IMPREGNABLE TO ATTACK WITH ANYTHING SHORT OF HIGH EXPLOSIVES, AND CONTAINS FIREARMS. FUNDS TO CONSTRUCT INTERNAL SAFEHAVEN FOR TWO AMERICAN USIS EMPLOYEES REQUESTED IBADAN 0575. IF WARNING PERMITS EVACUATION NON-ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES, BEST INITIAL SAFEHAVEN FOR AMERICANS AMONG THEM ARE THEIR HOMES IN QUIET SUBURBS LINKED BY EMERGENCY VHF NET WITH EACH OTHER AND CONSULATE VAULT. IN UNLIKELY EVENT DISTURBANCES THREATEN SUBURBS THEY WOULD REPAIR TO PREMISES INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE TROPICAL AGRICULTURE, LOCATED TWELVE MILES FROM TOWN, GUARDED AND FENCED, UNDER AMERICAN DIRECTOR, AND WITH EMERGENCY LIVING FACILITIES. THIS SAFEHAVEN LINKED BY RADIO TO CONSULATE VAULT AND TO LAGOS.

6. REFTEL PARA 7 ANSWERED BY LAGOS 0554.
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